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SUBJECT: FEEDER AIRLINE SERVICE FOR ALEXANDRIA

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1. PROGRES EGYPTIEN REPORTED 10 JANUARY 1977 THAT PRIVATE AVIATION COMPANY IS SOON TO PROVIDE AIR SERVICE BETWEEN ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO. ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN WITHOUT CIVIL AIR FACILITIES SINCE 1967 WHEN MILITARY TOOK OVER NOUZHA AIRPORT.

2. COMPANY IS IDENTIFIED AS NILE VALLEY AVIATION (NIVA) WHICH IS FIRST PRIVATE AVIATION COMPANY IN EGYPT AND HAS TO DATE LIMITED ITS ACTIVITIES TO SERVING PETROLEUM PROSPECTING COMPANIES AND TOURIST CHARTER FLIGHTS. WE PRESUME THIS IS JOINT VENTURE (49 PERCENT FRENCH CAPITAL) DESCRIBED IN REPAIR.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, NIVA HAS CONTRACTED WITH AEROSPATIALE COMPANY OF FRANCE FOR DELIVERY OF A "CORVETTE" AIRCRAFT. THIS IS A FOURTEEN-PASSENGER TWIN JET. NIVA HAS OBTAINED GOE APPROVAL TO USE DIRECT ROUTE OVER DELTA WHICH WILL PERMIT HALF-HOUR FLIGHT TIME. AT PRESENT AIR SPACE OVER UNCLASSIFIED

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DELTA IS CLOSED TO ALL EXCEPT EGYPTIAN MILITARY PLANES. CIVIL AIRCRAFT MUST USE CIRCUITOUS ROUTE CROSSING MEDITERRANEAN COAST AT EL ALAMEIN, NINETY MILES WEST OF ALEXANDRIA, FLY 150 MILES TO FAYOUM (QARUN LAKE 50 MILES SOUTHWEST OF CAIRO), THEN EAST 50 MILES TO NILE VALLEY AND 50 MILES NORTH TO AIRPORT AT HELIOPOLIS. THIS 390 MILE DETOUR WILL SHORTEN TO ABOUT 110 MILES.

4. LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND TOURIST AGENTS HAVE LONG BEEN ASKING
FOR SUCH AIR SERVICE. UNLESS AIR FARES ARE UNREASONABLY HIGH,
ALEXANDRIA SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT SEVERAL ROUND TRIPS DAILY.
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